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Commissioner Lee moved the following:

CRC Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line 10

and insert:

Sections 3 and 4 of Article III of the State Constitution
are

After line 50

insert:

SECTION 4. Quorum and procedure.—

(a) A majority of the membership of each house shall



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12 constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day
13 to day and compel the presence of absent members in such manner
14 and under such penalties as it may prescribe. Each house shall
15 determine its rules of procedure. Joint rules shall be adopted
16 governing procedures that require the consent of both houses,
17 including procedures regarding the operation of conference
18 committees.

19 (b) Sessions of each house shall be public; except sessions
20 of the senate when considering appointment to or removal from
21 public office may be closed.

22 (c) Each house shall keep and publish a journal of its
23 proceedings; and upon the request of five members present, the
24 vote of each member voting on any question shall be entered on
25 the journal. In any legislative committee or subcommittee, the
26 vote of each member voting on the final passage of any
27 legislation pending before the committee, and upon the request
28 of any two members of the committee or subcommittee, the vote of
29 each member on any other question, shall be recorded.

30 (d) Each house may punish a member for contempt or
31 disorderly conduct and, by a two-thirds vote of its membership,
32 may expel a member.

33 (e) The rules of procedure of each house shall provide that
34 all legislative committee and subcommittee meetings of each
35 house, and joint conference committee meetings, shall be open
36 and noticed to the public. The rules of procedure of each house
37 shall further provide that all prearranged gatherings, between
38 more than two members of the legislature, or between the
39 governor, the president of the senate, or the speaker of the
40 house of representatives, the purpose of which is to agree upon



41 formal legislative action that will be taken at a subsequent
42 time, or at which formal legislative action is taken, regarding
43 pending legislation or amendments, shall be reasonably open to
44 the public. All open meetings shall be subject to order and
45 decorum. This section shall be implemented and defined by the
46 rules of each house, and such rules shall control admission to
47 the floor of each legislative chamber and may, where reasonably
48 necessary for security purposes or to protect a witness
49 appearing before a committee, provide for the closure of
50 committee meetings. Each house shall be the sole judge for the
51 interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of this section.

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53 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete lines 2 - 5

56 and insert:

57 Sections 3 and 4 of Article III of the State
58 Constitution to provide that the Legislature convene
59 for regular session on the second Tuesday after the
60 first Monday in January of each even-numbered year and
61 to require the adoption of joint rules for specified
62 purposes.